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St. Louis Loses Deputy Comptroller to Leukemia

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The St. Louis public finance community will join the friends and family of Ivy D. Neyland-Pinkston in a celebration of life gathering Saturday to honor the city's longtime deputy comptroller for finance and development.

Neyland-Pinkston died at Barnes-Jewish Hospital on Sept. 28 after a five year battle with leukemia. She was 58. While not a native of the city, she landed in St. Louis to attend St. Louis University where she earned a MBA in 1981 and there she remained.

Neyland-Pinkston served the city for 26 years working her way up through the ranks from executive assistant to her deputy position which she held for the last 20 years, said her boss, Comptroller Darlene Green, whose office manages city bond issuance.

"Ivy played a very key role here and she will be missed. She had a hand in many major economic development projects like the city's downtown casino" and hotel projects and "was hard-working, faithful, and diligent in her duties," Green said. "She was the biggest promoter of our office, the city, and economic development and always had the best interests of the city in mind."

The gathering takes place Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to- 12:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis. Neyland-Pinkston is survived by her son, Drake, stepdaughter Leslie Gill, her parents Leroy and Bessie Neyland, and six brothers and sisters. The family asked that donations be sent to the [Leukemia and Lymphoma Society](#).



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